

# Palo Alto Rotary Pinion

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*Celebrating 102 years of Service*

## THE MAGIC OF ROTARY 2024-2025



President **REBECCA GERALDINI** welcomed all of our attendees. President Elect **BRUCE GEE** introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests/.

\$5,000 in direct donations to help our local grants.

**DANA TOM** had two recent thrills: He was able to see his son play in the World Ultimate Frisbee Championship in Australia where the team won a gold medal! And in Hawaii, DANA later snorkeled with manta rays that went right up to the swimmers.

**HENRIETTA BURROUGHS** described the East Palo Alto Center for Community Media's *Stop the Hate: Reimagining Our Communities* Art Contest. She invited interested Rotary members to volunteer to spread the word about the competition.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

### PATTY McGUIGAN

urged Rotarians to find their joy! She shared that she finds joy in riding her bicycle -- for 5 minutes or 5 hours. She received her first bike at 12 years-old and would like to be 12 again. She encouraged members to share with others and help them find their joy.



## PRESIDENTS CLUB

**BRUCE GEE** joined to thank the Palo Alto Pickleball Club for their work on the upcoming tournament. While presenting this plan to the public, they have been telling folks great things that our Rotary Club does to serve our community. They have already raised over

## SOCIAL AND SERVICE NOTES

**LE LEVY** led our Rotarian Songbirds in Honor of the District Governor:



**LE, ULLRICH SCHWERTSCHLAG, ELIZABETH SANTANA, MARY ANN GEE, BRIAN STEEN.**

**ELIZABETH SANTANA** thanked the Volunteer Ushers at the Palo Alto Players' matinee of "Charlie and the Chocolate

Factory," for underserved elementary and middle school students, many of whom had not experienced live theater before. Special thanks to: **RICK BLOCK, MIKE FOGARTY, GINNY LEAR, STEVE MADSEN, KAREN ROHDE, JOHN ST. CLAIR III, and KATHY TORGERSON.** And to DANA TOM who coordinates our volunteer usher sign-ups. ELIZABETH shared a video of **378 students** cheering the live performance and noted that it helped change lives!

## PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT 10/5 & 10/6

**LINNET KWOK** invited up Palo Alto Pickleball Club Guests, **Ayla Bell** and **Kristina Lausen** to talk about the event. Volunteers should sign up at Pickleball Volunteer Sign-Ups.



Members should wear their Rotary T-shirts, and if they can't commit to a full shift, drop by and say



"hi" to participants. The goal is for participants and viewers to learn about our Rotary Club and what we do to support our local community.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM



**Harry Price**, Assistant Governor, District 5170, member of Los Altos Rotary introduced our speaker



today, **Jill Duerig**, District Governor, District 5170 of Rotary International, speaking on "Rotary and District 5170." She reminded us that as of 1987 Rotary could not keep women out. She is available to support local Rotary clubs. She appreciates that Rotary is not a political organization. She encourages members to find joy in active participation and to salute talented volunteers--with Pickleball and fundraisers.

DG Jill then asked for three members to respond to specific questions. **SALLY TOMLINSON, STEVE EMSLIE, and DANA TOM** volunteered.



**What has been "magical" for you in Rotary?** STEVE and SALLY, vocational scholarships; DANA said, volunteering with my sons to cook at a church, serving people in need.

**What do you love about Rotary?** Fellowship, joy, socializing; Mondays and good work of Rotary fellowship; I joined to help the

community, and met people I would not have otherwise met.

## CLOSING THOUGHTS

**REBECCA** Thank Area Governor HARRY PRICE for joining us and introducing us to our speaker.

Thanks to District Governor JILL DUERIG for visiting with us

Thanked members and guests for attending (both roomers and zoomers)

Thanked our speaker **with a shower of confetti!**



## TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Betsy Bechtel, Jack Cabaness**

Welcome Desk: **Katie Seedman**

A/V: **Ben Threlkeld**

Microphones: **Dana Tom**

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

<b>September 20</b> 5:30-7:30 pm	<b>TGIF @ JAKE YOO'S OFFICE</b> <b>Evergreen Park Dental,</b> 2290 Birch Street, Suite B, Palo Alto
<b>September 23</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>Sam Liccardo, Evan Low</b> Candidates for US Congress, District 16, Moderator Henrietta Burroughs, Journalist
<b>September 29</b> Noon - 5:00 pm	<b>SF Giants Game &amp; Social</b> Greg Hood, Chair
<b>September 30</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>3 Long Time Member talks</b> Introduced by Jim Sutherland: Bill Johnson, Cash Alae, Joan Plastiras
<b>October 5 &amp; 6</b> Mitchell Park	<b>Inaugural Rotary Pickleball Tournament: Open to All Details to follow.</b>
<b>October 7</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>David Mineta, CEO and Kennya Rodriguez, Mental Health First Aid Project Coordinator,</b> Momentum for Health, speaking on "What to Know and Do About Behavioral Health Issues in Palo Alto"
<b>October 14</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>Tom Bailey, General Manager, Guild Theater</b> The Guild and Local Entertainment
<b>October 21</b> 12:15-1:30pm Club Meeting	<b>Stephanie Crosby, Dean of Disability Resources and Veterans Resources, Foothill College</b> Disability Resources and Veterans Resources at Foothill College